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Applicant: Tarrerias
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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING A CUTTING BLADE AND CUTTING BLADE THUS PRODUCED
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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on August 10, 2007, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains material errors on the front page of the publication wherein the inventors' city of residence is misspelled and the benefit claim data to the French application is erroneously printed.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

The error in the benefit claim to the French Application on the front page of the publication is an Office mistake, in that the correct date should be April 8, 2004 rather than the printed August 4, 2004, but it is not a material mistake as required by 37 CFR 1.221(b). The error in the foreign priority claim is not a material mistake because it does not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. The specification and claims were accurately

¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

published, thus one can read and understand the content of the application. The error also does not affect the use of the patent application publication as a prior art reference, because the foreign priority date is not useable as a reference date.

It would greatly benefit the Office if **applicant did not provide copies of papers**, which were previously submitted or a **complete copy of the pre-grant publication**, as it unnecessarily increases the cost to the Office. See 37 CFR 1.4(b). A request for corrected publication need only point out what was printed incorrectly in the application, where the error occurs in the publication and where the correct text or drawing is found in the application papers. Marked up relevant copies of the applications papers and the pre-grant publication may facilitate processing of the request, where it is not readily apparent where the error occurs. If it is not clear why the error is a material error, further explanation may be warranted.

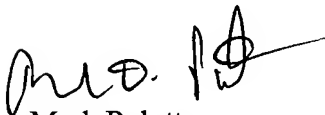
The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221(a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

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